

## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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## Council to convene for the start of the Fall Council Session

**WINDOW ROCK** – The 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council is scheduled to convene for the opening day of the Fall Council Session on Monday, in the Council Chamber in Window Rock.

Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) welcomes all Diné citizens to the session as the Council reconvenes in the Council Chamber, which has been closed since July while undergoing renovations.

"On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, we invite all of our people to attend next week's session as we receive reports and consider legislations that impact all of us," stated Speaker Bates.

To mark the official start of the session, the Tohatchi Veterans Organization will post the colors, a group with the Phoenix Indian Center will provide the invocation, 2017-2018 Miss Northern Navajo Ariana Rose Young will sing the National Anthem, and Miss Chinle Region Bich'eeke' Yazhí Tishawna Kai Williams will recite the pledge of allegiance.

The Council's first order of business will be to receive the State of the Nation Address from the President of the Navajo Nation followed by receiving a report from the Speaker of the Council.

In addition, the Council is scheduled to receive oral reports from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Office of the Controller, Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Chief Justice, and Navajo Housing Authority.

On Tuesday, the Council will begin deliberating over legislations. The proposed agenda lists a total of 17 legislations, however, the agenda is subject to change. You may view the proposed agenda on the Council's website at: <a href="www.navajonationcouncil.org">www.navajonationcouncil.org</a>.

In partnership with the Office of Broadcast Services, the Navajo Nation Council will live-stream the Fall Council Session on the Council's designated Ustream channel. To view live-proceedings, please visit ustream.tv and search for 'Navajo Nation Council' in the search box.

Prior to the start of the Fall Council Session, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee is scheduled to meet in a special meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

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